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Re: Minimum Offer Price Rule Revisions

Dear Mr. Schneider and Mr. Boston:

I write in support of the Maryland Public Service Commission’s request that PJM reconsider the currently proposed changes to the Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR) in its Reliability Pricing Mechanism and begin a new and transparent stakeholder process that includes all parties, including state regulators and consumer advocates.

I consider it imperative that our country maintain a reliable and affordably priced electricity system, and I believe that all stakeholders — including state regulators and consumer advocates — play an important role in achieving this objective. The ability of all interested parties to be notified about, and given an opportunity to comment on and participate in, the formulation of public policy from the outset — rather than simply asked to review a fully formed proposal after the fact — is critical to the integrity and legitimacy of the policymaking process. Moreover, as a practical matter, an inclusive and fully transparent policymaking process is far more likely to produce a successful public policy result.

In that regard, I am particularly mindful that proposed revisions to the MOPR could have a significant impact on the ability of Maryland and other states to implement important State policies designed to ensure a reliable supply of electricity. Rather than rushing proposed changes developed through a flawed and exclusionary process, we should take the time to make sure we get this right.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a prompt reply.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chris Van Hollen  
Member of Congress